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Identical letters dated 21 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of violations committed by Israel from 8 to 14 October 2008 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 21 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Subject: Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 8 to 14 October 2008, inclusive

Air violations

On 8 October 2008 between 0635 and 1318 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and circling the South, Damur and Beirut before departing over the sea off Naqurah.

Between 1106 and 1225 hours, two enemy Israeli military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over Kafr Killa and flying over all regions of Lebanon before departing over 'Alma al-Sha'b.

On 9 October 2008 at 2240 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea off Naqurah and flying north-east as far as Hirmil. It circled the region of Hirmil, Baalbek and Riyyaq before returning south and departing over Naqurah at 0445 hours on 10 October 2008.

On 10 October 2008 at 1800 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over 'Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South, Beirut and Shikka before departing over Rumaysh at 0320 hours on 11 October 2008.

On 12 October 2008 between 0645 and 2355 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over 'Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and the Bekaa before departing over Naqurah.

On 13 October 2008 four enemy Israeli military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace as follows: two entered at 1100 hours and two more at 1110 hours from over Kafr Killa, and flew north to the western Bekaa. They circled between the western Bekaa and the South and over the sea, before departing over the sea off Naqurah.

At 1510 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea off Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Ba'abda, the Shuf, Shikka, Jubayl and Kasrawan and departed at 0415 hours on 14 October 2008 over Naqurah.

Sea violations

On 9 October 2008 at 0315 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat in the open sea within Palestinian territorial waters off Ra's Naqurah directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for 30 seconds.

On 13 October 2008 at 0200 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat in the open sea within Palestinian territorial waters off Ra's Naqurah directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters.

Attacks on the ground

On 8 October 2008 between 1430 and 1530 hours, enemy Israeli forces at the Radar outpost (Kafr Shuba) in the occupied Shab'a Farms intermittently unleashed several bursts of light- and medium-weapons fire.

On 12 October 2008 at 1905 hours, the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight for 30 seconds from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin triangle.

On 13 October 2008 between 2155 and 2205 hours, while the Lebanese Armed Forces were patrolling the Blue Line on the plain near the village of Aytarun, enemy Israeli forces on several occasions directed a searchlight towards them.

On 14 October 2008 the Israeli enemy shone a searchlight for two minutes from the Zar'it barracks towards the Marwahin triangle.

Other activities

On 10 October 2008 at 1135 hours, inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the town of Hula, north-east of the Abbad Lebanese Armed Forces post, an enemy Israeli foot patrol comprising 10 men and three dogs crossed the technical fence, without violating the Blue Line. They departed at 1220 hours.